Rules for disposal of cases by Judges

1070. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a rule which lays down as to how many cases have to be disposed of by a Judge of High Court and Supreme Court;

(b) how many cases are being disposed of by each Judge in all the High Courts;

(c) how many Judges of various High Courts have not delivered more than ten judgements during their career; and

(d) how many judgements are pending in which the arguments have been heared and considerable time has lapsed after the arguments but no judgement has been pronounced till date?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) There is no such rule in this regard. However, the Malimath Committee had recommended that the Judge strength of each High Court should be determined on the basis of the working norms of disposal of 800 main cases per judge per year or the actual national average rate of disposal per judge per year over the preceding three years, whichever is higher.

(b) The average rate of disposal of main cases per judge in different High Courts during 1993-1997 is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) This relates to substantive functions of Judges. Therefore, information is not available in Department of Justice. However, periodically Department of Justice has been requesting various High Courts for early delivery of judgements.

Statement

Average rate of disposal per judge per year (main cases) during the year 1993-1997

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Average rate of High Court disposal per judge per year (Main cases) (1993-97)
1	2	3
1.	Allahabad	1446.5
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1580.8

1	2	3
3.	Bombay	1134.8
4.	Calcutta	1120.8
5.	Delhi	831.1
6.	Gauhati	871.9
7.	Gujarat	1054.5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	916.4
9.	J & K	876.0
10.	Karnataka	2220.3
11.	Kerala	1325.3
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1476.6
13.	Madras	2220.9
14.	Orissa	1302.7
15.	Patna	1640.0
16.	Punjab & Haryana	1336.4
17.	Rajasthan	1367.9
18.	Sikkim	47.6
	National average:	1363.4

Reservation to SCs/STs in the appointment of Judges

1071. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Parliamentary Committee has recommended to provide for reservation to SCs/STs in the appointment of Judges to the High Courts and the Supreme Court; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Committee of the Lok Sabha on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (1999-2000) in its Second Report regarding "representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Judiciary with special reference to the appointment in Supreme Court and High Courts" *inter-alia*, recommended that there should be reservation in the matter of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts and